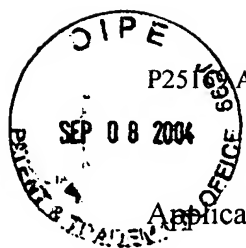


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On July 14, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement in the above-captioned matter.

Applicant notes that the initialed PTO-1449 form has never been returned. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form.

For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 14, 2004 (and the non-US documents cited therein), a copy of the Form PTO-1449 filed therewith, and a copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt evidencing the filing of the same.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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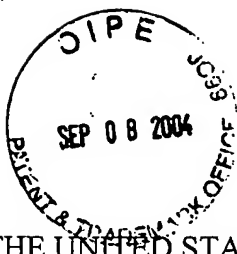
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 6,603,078 to OKUHARA et al., which issued on August 5, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 6,495,767 to OKUHARA et al., which issued on December 17,
2002;

U.S. Patent No. 6,058,562 to SATOU et al., which issued on May 9, 2000; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-32855, which was published on
January 31, 2003, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the
requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed
herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to
contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that a Notice of Allowance has issued in the present application. However, Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of filing of the application, and thus consideration of the above-noted documents is ensured pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(1).

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